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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 48-5802, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT FORMATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 48-5802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 48-5802. Formation of district; election

5 ~~A. A county board of supervisors may establish a public health
6 services district pursuant to either subsection B or C of this section.~~

7 A. A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN A COUNTY AS
8 PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION.

9 B. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
10 DISTRICT the board of supervisors may provide for an election on the
11 formation of the district and shall submit the question to the qualified
12 electors of the county on a date prescribed by section 16-204. The ballot
13 for the election shall contain the words "district formation, yes" and
14 "district formation, no". The county shall administer the election as
15 otherwise provided by law. If a majority of the persons voting on the
16 question approves the question, the district shall be formed to consist of
17 the entire county including the cities and towns that are located in whole or
18 in part in the county. If a district is formed pursuant to this subsection,
19 the county shall not reduce expenditures for public health to an amount that
20 is less than fifty per cent of the county's fiscal year general fund public
21 health expenditures as determined by calculating the average of the fiscal
22 year expenditure amounts for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the
23 year of the election. Costs for financing construction of any building shall
24 not be included in the calculation of expenditures.

25 C. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, the board of supervisors may establish a
26 district by unanimous vote of the board. If established by unanimous vote
27 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION, the district shall be formed to consist of the
28 entire county including the cities and towns that are located in whole or in
29 part in the county. If a district is formed pursuant to this subsection, the
30 county shall not reduce expenditures for public health to an amount that is
31 less than sixty per cent of the county's fiscal year general fund public
32 health expenditures as determined by calculating the average of the fiscal
33 year expenditure amounts for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the
34 year of the district's formation. Costs for financing construction of any
35 building shall not be included in the calculation of expenditures.

36 D. If the county does not form a public health services district
37 pursuant to this section, the county shall provide equally public health
38 services to all residents of the county including residents of cities and
39 towns. The county may spend monies for public health services to address a
40 specific public health need that is unique to a particular area or condition.
41 The county shall not reduce expenditures for public health to an amount that
42 is less than fifty per cent of the county's general fund public health
43 expenditures in fiscal year 1998-1999. Costs for financing construction of
44 any building shall not be included in the calculation of expenditures. Any
45 city or town may provide services to its residents beyond the county's basic

1 level of service and may use any combination of internal municipal
2 departments or any other provider.

3 E. A city or town that contributed monies to a county's public health
4 budget in fiscal year 1999-2000:

5 1. In fiscal year 2000-2001, shall pay to the county one hundred per
6 cent of the city's or town's original public health expenditure.

7 2. In fiscal year 2001-2002, shall pay to the county ninety-five per
8 cent of the city's or town's original public health expenditure.

9 3. If the district is formed pursuant to this section or for any
10 fiscal year after 2001-2002, shall no longer be obligated to pay monies to
11 the county for public health expenditures.

12 4. Shall determine the city's or town's original public health
13 expenditure level by calculating the fiscal year expenditure amount for
14 fiscal year 1999-2000. Costs for financing construction of any building and
15 payments made for expenditures incurred for any previous fiscal year shall
16 not be included in the calculation of expenditures.